



Jim Pillen, Governor

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY
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State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE
Lower Level, Morrill Room

Thursday
September 17, 2026
1:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held by WebEx conference and in-person. The public is welcome to attend any Open Session discussion at the State Office Building Lower Level. This meeting will also be available to the public to participate by WEBEX using this link:

<https://sonvideo.webex.com/sonvideo/j.php?MTID=mf74566fe92dbdf0cd70f4a6ffff3de14>

or call in information is **1-408-418-9388** using meeting number of **2491 629 4782**

Here is a link to the Open Meetings Act:

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/display_html.php?begin_section=84-1407&end_section=84-1414

Here is a link to a copy of all the Open Session discussion items:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Board-Meeting-Documents.aspx>

1. Roll Call & Announcement: *A current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available in the meeting room.*
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2026
4. **approximately 1:15 pm** - Investigational Reports – **CLOSED SESSION** pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-1,105 (*The Board will go into closed session for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals.*)
 - a. Investigation Cases
 - b. Applications
5. Application Review – **CLOSED SESSION** pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1410 **approximately 2:15 pm** - **OPEN SESSION**
6. Updates and Reports
 - a. Legislation
 - b. Dietitian Licensure Compact: <https://compacts.csg.org/compact/dietitian-licensure-compact/>
 - c. Statistics: Examinations, Licensing, Administrative Penalties, Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Information
7. Discussion/Approval of Regulations
8. Board of Massage Therapy 2026 Meeting Schedule – Next scheduled meeting is TBD.
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment

Contact Information: Heather Ord, Health Licensing Coordinator, at 402-471-4926 or Heather.Ord@nebraska.gov

All items known at time of distribution of this agenda are listed; a current agenda is available on the Bulletin Board, First Floor, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Notice: A tape recording of the meeting will be made for the purpose of preparing minutes of the meeting. Said tape will not be transcribed but will be available to the public until such time that the minutes of this meeting are approved by the Board. In accordance with the records retention schedule of the Licensure Unit as authorized by Nebraska Statute, the Division may dispose of the tapes ten (10) days after the meeting; however, staff shall retain the tapes until the Board has approved the minutes.

↓ Auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations needed to participate in a meeting can be requested by calling Heather Ord with the Licensure Unit at 402-471-2117 (voice). Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call DHHS via Nebraska Relay System at 711 or (800)833-7352 (TDD) at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

Item 6c:

Administrative Penalties Assessed

Report Ran: 9/4/26

LICENSE NO	NAME	ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY FEE ASSESSED	DATE PENALTY ASSESSED	DATE DUE	FEE STATUS	DATE FEE RECEIVED	AMOUNT RECEIVED
1867	Johnson, Kourtney Jo	\$ 10	7/15/26		P	7/13/26	\$ 159
Total for Fee Status: \$10							

Total Administrative Penalty Fee Requested for Profession: \$10

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT
SUMMARY COUNT OF LICENSES BY LICENSE STATUS



Medical Nutrition Therapy

Report Ran: 9/4/2026

	Active	Active-Military	Application File Closed	Denied	Expired	Inactive	Lapsed	NonDisc Revocation	Null and Void	Pending	Withdrawn	Total
Medical Nutrition Therapist	848	1	34	2	719	277	43	125	2	19	12	2,082
Total	848	1	34	2	719	277	43	125	2	19	12	2,082

These minutes have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY**
February 12, 2026

1. ROLL CALL

The Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy was called to order by the Chair, Shannon Fink, at 1:13 p.m., at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level Otoe Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered roll call.

Shannon Fink, MS, RDN, LMNT – Chair
David Freeston, DO – Secretary
Paula Ritter-Gooder, PhD, RDN, CSG, LDN, FAND

Absent: Nicol Kubiak, RD, LMNT – Vice-Chair

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Also present were: Sean Loving, Program Manager; Heather Ord, Health Licensing Coordinator; Katherine Amyot, Department Legal; Abigail Hoy Nissen, Assistant Attorney General.

Fink announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on January 30, 2026.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ritter-Gooder moved, seconded by Freestone, to approve the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Fink, Freeston, Ritter-Gooder. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kubiak. Vacant positions: 1. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 10, 2025

Ritter-Gooder moved, seconded by Frink, to approve the minutes as presented. Voting aye: Fink, Freeston, Ritter-Gooder. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kubiak. Vacant positions: 1. Motion carried.

4. INVESTIGATIONAL & CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

Freestone moved, seconded by Ritter-Gooder, to go into closed session at 1:20 p.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Fink, Freestone, Ritter-Gooder. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kubiak. Vacant positions: 1. Motion carried.

The board returned to Open Session at 1:50 p.m.

5. OPEN SESSION Application review and recommendations (initial licensure, reinstatement, convictions, administrative penalties, and email ballot reports)

There are no applications to discuss at this time.

6. UPDATES AND REPORTS

a. Legislation

LB 961 – Adopt the Collateral Sanction Relief Act – Amended sections 29-2264 and 29-3005, to change provisions relating to set asides; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LB 1194 – Adopt the Real Food Act – This bill aims to establish state-level dietary guidelines promoting nutrient-dense whole foods to improve public health and combat chronic disease.

LB 780 – Require insurance coverage of eating disorders – this bill relates to insurance, to require coverage of eating disorders as prescribed.

b. Dietitian Licensure Compact

Loving mentioned the next committee meeting will be on February 20th, 2026.

c. Statistics: Examination, Licensing, disciplinary/non-disciplinary information, and renewals

The board reviewed the statistics without discussion.

7. DESIGNATION OF THE METHOD BY WHICH THIS BODY GIVES PUBLIC NOTICE OF ITS MEETINGS

Loving informed the Board that the Department currently sends notifications via email to interested parties, posts meeting agendas to the Department's Public website, and posts a paper agenda inside the State Office Building.

Frink moved, seconded by Ritter-Gooder, to continue the current method of which this body gives public notice of its meetings. Voting aye: Fink, Freeston, Ritter-Gooder. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kubiak. Vacant positions: 1. Motion carried.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ritter-Gooder moved, seconded by Freestone, to keep the appointments the same. The slate of officers is as follows: Frink – Chairperson, Kubiak – Vice-Chairperson, and Freestone – Secretary. Voting aye: Fink, Freeston, Ritter-Gooder. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kubiak. Vacant positions: 1. Motion carried.

Investigative Consultant - Frink moved, seconded by Freestone, to appoint Reitter-Gooder as consultants for the investigation unit. Voting aye: Fink, Freeston, Ritter-Gooder. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kubiak. Vacant positions: 1. Motion carried.

Liaison - Frink moved, seconded by Freestone, to appoint Reitter-Gooder as consultants for the investigation unit. Voting aye: Fink, Freeston, Ritter-Gooder. Voting nay: none. Absent: Kubiak. Vacant positions: 1. Motion carried.

9. BOARD OF MEDICAL NUTRITION 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

April 30, 2026
September 17, 2026

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is on April 30, 2026. The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy
Summarized by: Heather Ord, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit